

## **OPTN / UNOS Transplant Coordinators Committee**

### **Monthly Call Summary**

**May 25, 2010**

The *goal* of the call was to: debrief from the April 30<sup>th</sup> face-to-face meeting; hear working group updates; and discuss a new collaboration with the Patient Affairs Committee (PAC).

The call began with the liaison reminding members that HRSA would like this Committee to provide recommendations for: systems improvement, and improving both DonorNet<sup>®</sup> and inactive waitlist management practice. It was noted that HRSA would like the TCC to become more involved with other OPTN committee activities.

Waiting List reports - Leah Edwards reviewed how to access data available to members in wait list reports for candidates waiting for heart, liver and lung. She noted that members can request the same information for candidates on the Kidney Waiting List.

The Webinar Series - a homework assignment will be given to the Committee to get started.

Tiedi Documentation project - it was noted that the pilot will be ready in June.

Effective Screening Working Group - Alan provided topics that were discussed at their most recent teleconference. It was noted that the liaison would email the liaison for the Operations and Patient Safety Committee to recommend the following question be added to the form: would the candidate be willing to accept a donor organ from a foreign national?

TCC Yahoo Group – it was noted that there are over 150 members; the liaison plans to put an announcement on the TGMC listserv and Jessica Buck will reach out to the International Nurses Society to have their members also join.

DonorNet<sup>®</sup> - it was reiterated that DonorNet<sup>®</sup> needs to be improved from the coordinator's perspective--what are the big issues and how can they be resolved?

DonorNet<sup>®</sup> Abbreviations: TAC's Working Group addressing abbreviations was discussed. It was agreed that this Committee could make a recommendation that in the "notes" section, abbreviations are clarified. Additionally, it was noted that there are areas having duplicative information: 1) donor highlights and 2) comment section. It was suggested that the TCC standardize certain abbreviations (keeping to a minimum)

and making them known in the community. Kim will check with the TAC and OPO liaisons to see where they are with their initiative and will readdress on the next monthly call.

Collaboration with the Patient Affairs Committee (PAC) – the staff liaison noted that a presentation was given to the PAC, May 24<sup>th</sup> and was very well received. The PAC is very excited about working with this Committee on defining “inactive” and “temporary” for the Kidney Waiting List only. It was noted that “temporary” could refer to a short term status for patients out of town or more long term such as folks having cancer or hospitalized. It was suggested that “breakdowns” be developed.

#### Next Monthly Call

Look for a **Meeting Wizard** email message to reschedule the June monthly call. On the June call members will vote on the OPO and Living Donor proposals; and hear an update regarding the Kidney Allocation Concept Document and will also have an opportunity to discuss with the staff liaison how we can collaborate with the Kidney Committee on Inactive Waitlist Management Practice issues.